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26 SLAUGHTERED AT TEXAS CHURCH

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Jayanthony Hernandez, 12, and others at a vigil across the street from First Baptist Church mourn the victims killed during Sunday service.

Gunman found dead after state's deadliest mass shooting

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SUTHERLAND SPRINGS — A gunman toting a rifle and wearing a ballistic vest shot and killed at least 26 people during Sunday service at a Baptist church in this tiny town, marking the deadliest mass shooting in Texas history.

Two law enforcement sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the continuing investigation, identified the gunman as Devin P. Kelley, 26, of New Braunfels. The Pentagon confirmed Kelley was at one time an Air Force airman but provided no additional information.

Gov. Greg Abbott said Sunday's shooting some 20 miles east of San Antonio was "worsened by the fact it occurred in a church."

"There are no words to describe the pure evil that we witnessed in Sutherland Springs," Abbott said.

Twenty-three bodies were found inside the church, two outside. One more person who was transported to the hospital also died. The dead were still being identified late Sunday but included a pregnant wom-

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Associated Press

Investigators work the scene of the mass shooting in Sutherland Springs.

Worst shootings in U.S. history

58 killed: Oct. 1; Las Vegas

49 killed: June 12, 2016; Orlando, Fla.

32 killed: April 16, 2007; Blacksburg, Va.

27 killed: Dec. 14, 2012; Newtown, Conn.

26 killed: Nov. 5; Sutherland Springs

» *Kelley was court-martialed on assault charge.* **Page A6**

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Ex-mayor Castro pondering bid in 2020

Democrat Julian Castro, a former San Antonio mayor and secretary of housing and urban development, has confirmed that he is seriously considering running for president in 2020, and former state Sen. Wendy Davis has left open the possibility she will take another run at the governor's seat in 2018. **Page A3**

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Julian Castro says he will spend 2018 weighing a presidential bid.

Voter turnout likely to be light on Election Day

A paltry 59,000 ballots had been cast by the end of early voting in Harris County, and turnout is expected to remain low through Election Day due to a lack of a marquee race and thousands still displaced by Hurricane Harvey. **Page A3**

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Paul suffers 5 broken ribs in assault at home

A senior adviser says it's uncertain when U.S. Sen. Rand Paul will return to work while he recovers from five broken ribs after allegedly being assaulted by a neighbor at his home in Kentucky. **Page A?**

BUSINESS

With land costs going up, so are supermarkets

Houstonians will see more two-story grocery stores inside Loop 610 as the rising cost of land and the lack of availability of large tracts force developers to build vertically. **Page B1**

STAR HEALTH

How having a heart attack changed 2 lives

She was a perfectly healthy, 36-year-old single mother when she had a heart attack at work — and it changed her life and the life of her special-needs son, in many ways for the better. **Page D1**

A&M may vie with UT over lab

By Lindsay Ellis

The top public university systems in Texas may compete over a major national contract to manage Los Alamos National Laboratory in northern New Mexico.

Texas A&M University System regents in late October authorized an administrator to explore the development of a proposal to manage and operate the laboratory, which is responsible for the safety and reliability of the country's nuclear weapons.

Regents of its rival — the University of Texas System — voted in September to spend $4.5 million to pursue the contract. They'll discuss updates to the bid on Thursday at a board meeting.

Los Alamos operates

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Latinos sound alarm on 2020 census

Immigrant fears, mistrust will likely undercut response in county, Texas

By Bill Lambrecht

WASHINGTON — Latino leaders are warning of a developing crisis in the 2020 census and demanding that the Census Bureau act aggressively to calm fears in immigrant populations about data misuse.

Citing focus groups and initial interviews in Texas and across the country, the bureau's Mikelyn Meyers recently reported "an unprecedented groundswell in confidentiality and data sharing concerns" related to the 2020 count.

"We're concerned that this may present a barrier to participation in the 2020 census," she said. "And this is particularly troubling due to the disproportionate impact on hard-to-count areas."

Laura Murillo: Feds' action on immigration has alienated Latinos.

Harris County, which is roughly 42 percent Hispanic, has long been an area of concern for the Census Bureau. Last spring, officials tested new technology in only two counties — Harris and Los Angeles — aimed at improving response rates in hopes of finding solutions before 2020.

More than 1.45 million

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Jon Shapley / Houston Chronicle

Katy ISD Superintendent Lance Hindt tours Creech Elementary School, which flooded during Harvey.

Katy ISD unaware of 'flood pool' risk

Officials recall no warning as school was built near dam

By Lise Olsen

Lance Hindt, superintendent of the Katy Independent School District, was riding in an oversized truck along South Mason Road after Hurricane Harvey when he spotted a huge pool of floodwater that "looked like a lake."

The lake engulfed Creech Elementary School and the surrounding neighborhoods.

"I was shocked at the damage I was seeing," said Hindt, who grew up in Katy and returned last year to serve as superintendent.

What he and other Katy ISD officials didn't know is that Creech Elementary, a few blocks from Barker

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